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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A harness protector comprising:

a wire harness;

a harness protector main body for accommodating the wire harness in a curved shape; and

a friction member having a resilient protruding part for only temporarily contacting with
and holding the wire harness in the protector main body.

Claim 2 (original): The harness protector as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the friction member abuts resiliently on the wire harness.

Claim 3 (original): The harness protector as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the friction member is formed separately from the protector main body.

Claim 4 (original): The harness protector as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the friction member is formed integrally with the protector main body.

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Claim 5 (previously presented): The harness protector as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the harness protector main body includes a base and a cover, and
wherein the friction member is provided on at least one of the base and the cover.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A structure for supplying electric power using the harness
protector as claimed in claim 1, comprising:

the harness protector;

a sliding member; and

a fixed member,

wherein said harness protector is provided on the sliding member or the fixed member, the
wire harness is wired from the harness protector to the sliding member and the fixed member, and
the resilient protruding part of the friction member temporarily contacts the wire harness and
prevents the wire harness from being removed from the harness protector while the sliding member
is moving.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The structure as claimed in claim 6, comprising:

a spring member for biasing the wire harness in a direction where the wire harness is
accommodated, said spring member being provided in the harness protector,

wherein the wire harness is pulled out to the maximum at a first moving end of the sliding
member to compress the spring member to the maximum, and the friction member is so disposed

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as not to interfere with a restoring of the spring member while the sliding member moves from the first moving end to a second moving end.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The structure as claimed in claim 6,
wherein the friction member temporarily contacts and holds the wire harness while the sliding member moves from a second moving end to the first moving end.

Claim 9 (original): The structure as claimed in claim 6,
wherein the sliding member is a sliding door, the fixed member is a vehicle body, and the harness protector is provided on the sliding door vertically.